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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Plantation of Trees to Combat Climate Change
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to give incentives to farmers for planting and maintaining trees having the potential of carbon assimilation;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether this kind of incentives are being offered from various international fora/agencies to combat climate change; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a)& (b) Government implements afforestation schemes namely National Mission for a Green India and National Afforestation Programme under which financial support is provided for enhancing tree cover on forests and non-forest lands including agricultural lands. These initiatives contribute to climate change mitigation including carbon sequestration and enhancement of ecosystem services apart from economic benefits to the farmers and other tree growers.

(c)& (d) Assistance for forestry and forestry related activities are offered to farmers by various International agencies such as the World Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development, Global Environment Facility and Green Climate Fund. Apart from these initiatives, REDD (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) is a global endeavour aimed at creating incentive for farmers in developing countries to protect, conserve, manage and save the forest resources, thus contributing to the global fight against climate change. The Government has taken initiative of preparing the reference document to facilitate REDD+ implementation in the country.
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